

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

## NOTICE SHEET FOR SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025



### The Third Sunday of Advent

Here for Christ – here for you

A very warm welcome if you are joining us today. Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service.

Our services are in Church and on Zoom. We usually video the 8am sermon and 10am service and upload them on Facebook later. If you would like to join any of our services on Zoom, please ring 01603 250844 or email Catherine Richmond on [services@christchurch-eaton.org.uk](mailto:services@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) for the details.

If you would like a visit from Patrick the Vicar, or more information, please fill in one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pews and hand it to Patrick, a warden or a sidesperson.

- 8 am**      **BCP Holy Communion** (Collect & readings p.51)
- 10 am**      **Family Communion** with activities for the young  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 (Old Testament p.673)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5:7-10 (New Testament p.228)  
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 (New Testament p.10)  
Anthem: *A Tender Shoot* - Ben Ponniah  
Voluntary: *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 659) - J S Bach
- 3 pm**      **Christmas with *The Chosen*** - see notices, all welcome
- 6 pm**      **Evening Prayer** on Zoom and in Vicarage

**Christ Church is usually open for Private Prayer from  
10.30am to 4pm each day**

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**Charity of the Month: 4Cs - *Centre for Christian Care and Counselling***  
*(fourcs.org.uk)* - face to face and online counselling to people in Norfolk. For more information see the display at the back of church, where you will also find donation envelopes. Alternatively, please visit their website.

## EVENTS

*Events are at Christ Church unless otherwise stated*

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

3.00 pm Christmas with *The Chosen* - see notices

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Carol Singing at Chiswick House. All welcome

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

2.00 pm Funeral of Garry Wheatley

7.30 pm 321 Course for Advent at 161 Newmarket Road and on Zoom

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

1.00 pm Norwich High School for Girls carol service. Time tbc

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

12noon Feeling Chipper - see notices

6.30 pm Choir rehearsal

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am Decorating Christ Church for Christmas

1.45 pm Christingle Workshop for Children at St Andrew's, Eaton

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

2.00 pm *Chat over a Cuppa*

2.30 pm Carols and Holy Communion at The Hawthorns. All welcome

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

12noon Parishes office closes for Christmas. Reopens 10am, 5<sup>th</sup> January

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> *Christmas Eve***

3.30 pm Nativity Service

11.30 pm Candlelit Midnight Communion  
 (Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14)

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> *Christmas Day***

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion with the Rev'd Andrew Parsons (p.54)

10.00 am All-age Christmas Communion (Luke 2:1-14)

## **SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER - The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8 am BCP Holy Communion (Collect and readings p.52)

10 am Family Communion  
 (Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25)

6 pm Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Christmas with *The Chosen*

3pm, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Christ Church. Come and watch the Christmas episode of *The Chosen*, a critically acclaimed film series dramatizing the life of Christ. Refreshments provided. Free event. More details from Geraldine Verschoor (verschog@aol.com)

### Please Help Decorate for Christmas

We shall be decorating Christ Church from 9.30am on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Seasonal foliage and flowers welcome and can be delivered to church on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Donations for flowers will be gratefully received. *Thank you*

### Carol Singers Wanted

For services at Chiswick House, 2.30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and at the Hawthorns Care Home, Unthank Road on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2.30pm. No exceptional skills needed! Please see Patrick for more information

### Feeling Chipper Fish and Chips

12pm, 19<sup>th</sup> December, with a Christmas theme and live music. Please sign the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church if you'd like to come. Cost £7. Numbers need to be known in advance, payment in cash on the day please.

### Calling Musicians and Singers

Instrumentalists and singers are needed to help lead the music at the Nativity Service on Christmas Eve, 3.30pm. If you can help, please contact Matt Wright. *Thank you*

### Foodbank - Thanks

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Christmas collection. We donated 20 bags of food and toiletries, which will go into the much-needed parcels for Christmas. Many thanks for supporting Foodbank through the year. The next collection will be on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Office Closing

The parishes office will close at 12noon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, and reopen at 10am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### Stamps

Don't forget to save the stamps from your Christmas Card envelopes for the charity *Embrace the Middle East*. The collection box is at the back of the Church next to the Food Bank Box. *Thank you*

### Attendance Figures

7<sup>th</sup> December:

8am: 16

10am: 107 adults, 13 U16s

Memorial service:

47 adults, 2 U16s

### Christmas and New Year Notices

There will be one notice sheet covering Sundays 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January. Items for this notice sheet should be with Catherine Richmond (250844, notices@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) by 10am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. *Thank you*

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

*Join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9am, Mondays-Fridays*

### **Collect**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare  
the way of your Son: give us courage  
to speak the truth, to hunger for  
justice, and to suffer for the cause of  
right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer for Growth**

God of Mission, who alone brings  
growth to your Church, send your  
Holy Spirit to give vision to our  
planning, wisdom to our actions, and  
power to our witness. Help our  
church to grow in numbers, in  
spiritual commitment to you, and in  
service to our local community,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
([leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk](http://leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk))

### **Youth and Children**

Please pray for:

- ❖ The Christingle Workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> December
- ❖ Youth and children's work in our two parishes
- ❖ The children, their families, and Sunday School, Youth Group and Workshop leaders
- ❖ The weekly children and youth activities
- ❖ The year-round cycle of Workshops and All-Age Services

### **The World**

We pray for peace in the world,  
praying especially for Ukraine, Gaza,  
Israel and Sudan. We pray for  
countries trying to rebuild after  
years of conflict.

### **Church and Local Concerns**

We pray for our financial giving, both  
to Christ Church and to the charities  
we support. We give thanks for the  
Parish Giving Scheme. We pray for all  
in our parishes, particularly those  
living in Roseacre Close, Sotherton  
Road and South Park Avenue.

### **The Sick and Suffering**

We pray for those who are suffering  
in mind, body or spirit. We pray for  
those who have asked for our  
prayers, including Amelia, Angela,  
Bobs, Sheila Bootman, Carrie, Phil  
Cooke, Anna Dunlop, Evangeline  
Fischer-Harrison, Margaret Fraser,  
Penny Furze, John Harrison, Trish  
Hill, Chris Hobbs, Paul James,  
Jessica, John Ladd, Caroline  
Richmond, Dick and Val Rout,  
Jonathan Spelman, Joan Wheatley,  
Roger, Rory, Dennis Wright and Ros  
Wright.

### **The Departed**

We remember and give thanks for all  
who have gone before us. We pray  
particularly for the families and  
friends of Maureen Allison, Pamela  
Tibbenham and Garry Wheatley. Help  
us comfort those who mourn.

Donate to  
Christ Church

